

Notes from Flip Charts Oroville Facilities Relicensing (FERC Project No. 2100)

The following list was recorded on flip charts during the Environmental Work Group Meeting. The flip chart listing is not intended to be a transcript or analysis of the meeting or to indicate agreement or disagreement with the items listed; the intent is to provide a summary for informational purposes for interested parties who could not attend the meeting.

Action Items

- ◆ FWS – After agency meeting, ESA ‘Species’ and process presentation to Work Group
- ◆ Geomorphology/Hydrology issues
 - ◆ Integrate with operations for hydrology
 - ◆ Geomorphology – Environmental Work Group – except seismic which is a Safety/Ops issue
 - ◆ Joint Task Force to ID issues and responsibilities
 - ◆ Tracking very important – Checks and Balances
- ◆ Provided access to Biological Opinions and Biological Assessments relevant to the FERC process
- ◆ Develop system for Issues Statements that references single issues previously identified – Include full list of identified issues (numbered) as appendix in Scoping Document
- ◆ For project e-mails put “Oroville Relicensing” at the beginning of all titles in the subject area
- ◆ Work Group Meetings drafts to participants 7 to 10 days before the meeting at which they will be discussed

Next Environmental Work Group Meetings:

- ◆ April 18 (Recreation Work Group meeting April 19)
- ◆ May 23
- ◆ June 27
- ◆ August 22
- ◆ September 26
- ◆ October 24

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Revisions to Issues Statements

Water Quality – New Issues

- ◆ Add effects of projected operations and facilities on fluvial process (related water quality, channel morphology, riparian, vegetation recruitment) (Stohrer)

Water Quality – Changes

- ◆ Item 11 add -- “agriculture” to temperature requirements or strike “of the SWP” (Hennelly)
- ◆ Item 8 add -- (marshes) to “natural protective process” (Davis; Sitts)
- ◆ Item 6 add -- Potential effect of toxic spills into Feather River from railroad operations – include Hazmat response efforts (Dunkel; Stohrer)
- ◆ Item 6 add -- effects of the project features and operation on sediment deposition and potential impoundment of metals and toxins (Stohrer)
- ◆ Item #10 add -- Upstream and Downstream passage should be its own category (Edmondson)

Fisheries -- Changes

- ◆ Item 3 -- add “temperature” into the parenthetical statement (Stohrer)
- ◆ Item 6 -- clarify that the model will be run on the entire system (Edmondson)
- ◆ Item 6 -- add “recruitment to the system” at the end (Morse)
- ◆ Item 2 -- add “pump action” (Dyok)

- ◆ Item 7 -- add "fish population interaction" (Ford)
- ◆ Item 8 -- add "upstream of Lake Oroville" (Meinz)
- ◆ Item 12 -- language should mimic that in Item 15 in Water Quality (Bonham)
- ◆ Item 9 & 10 -- add in the parenthetical statement (interaction with native fish predation) (Edmondson)
- ◆ Item 14 -- add "level of recruitment of Feather River fish to the ocean population (sustained production of 20% of commercial fish) (Davis)

Terrestrial -- Changes

- ◆ Item 2 -- add "but not limited to" (Morse)
- ◆ Item 4 -- include "species and communities" (Elliott)
- ◆ Item 7 -- strikeout "and non-native wildlife species" (Dyok)
- ◆ Item 10 -- add "brood pond" (Hennelly)
- ◆ Item 9 -- change "nesting wintering" for "pacific flyway" (Hennelly)

Issue Statements -- to Other Work Groups

- ◆ Engineering and Operations
 - ◆ Remove tires from Parrish Cove (Interim Measure?) – Mosquito abatement
 - ◆ Remove stakes used to hold down recycled Christmas trees – Boater safety
- ◆ Land Use
 - ◆ Potential for acquisition of Federal lands (BLM and USFS) within project boundary by DWR
 - ◆ Commercial cattle grazing return to project and impact to natural environment
 - ◆ Consequences on natural environment and adjacent land of fuel loading (current fire management practices)
- ◆ Recreation
 - ◆ What is the recreational value of hunting and fishing on project lands? How can they be balanced?